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TAGS: EAIR, JA

SUBJECT: NORTHWEST SEEKS RULING AND REIMBURSEMENT OF CUSTOMS
DUTIES ON GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

1. LOCAL OFFICE OF NORTHWEST HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY ASKING
OUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING FROM GOJ CUSTOMS EXEMPTION ON
FUTURE IMPORTS OF "AIRCRAFT GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT" AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF APPROX \$96,000 FOR DUTIES "INAPPROPRIATELY"
ASSESSED AGAINST SUCH NORTHWEST IMPORTS OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS.

2. SPECIFICALLY NORTHWEST MAINTAINS THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
RECOMMENDATION 4.30 OF ANNEX 9 TO THE ICAO CONVENTION (WHICH
U.S. APPARENTLY ACCEPTS WHILE JAPAN DOES NOT) AND RECIPROCITY
CLAUSE OF ARTICLE 6(B) OF BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT,
AIRLINE SHOULD BE EXEMPT FROM CUSTOM DUTY PAYMENTS ON GROUND
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT. NORTHWEST ALSO STATES JAPANESE GOVERNMENT
HAS AN "OBLIGATION" TO REIMBURSE NORTHWEST FOR PREVIOUS DUTIES
COLLECTED. NORTHWEST SAYS U.S. FOLLOWS RECOMMENDATION 4.30 AND
THAT JAL, UNDER ARTICLE 6(B) OF THE BILATERAL, HAS IMPORTED
GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT DUTY FREE INTO THE U.S. FOR SEVERAL
YEARS. NORTHWEST SAYS IT IS TRYING, THROUGH U.S. CUSTOMS
SOURCES, TO OBTAIN EXACT AMOUNT AND VALUE OF THIS EQUIPMENT.

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3. COPY OF NW LETTER AND LIST OF ITEMS ON WHICH NORTHWEST SEEKS
REIMBURSEMENT AND DATE OF IMPORT POUCHED TO EB/OA/AN.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT EXTENT
WE SHOULD ASSIST NORTHWEST IN SEEKING CUSTOMS DETERMINATION AND
REFUND.
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